

REMARKS

Figure 2 has been amended to address the Examiner's paragraph 3. Claim 6 has been amended so as to address the 35 USC 112 rejection, support for the amendment being provided by page 6 lines 15 to 17.

As regards the rejections under 35 USC 102, new claim1 is a combination of previous claims 1 and 3 in accordance with the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter.

Independent claims 8 and 9 have been amended into line with new claim 1 so as to each include the feature of previous claim 3.

Furthermore, new independent claims 10 and 11 have been added, in accordance with the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter. New claim 10 corresponds to previous claims 1 and 5. New claim 11 corresponds to previous claims 1 and 6 amended in line with new claim 6 to address the 35 USC 112 rejection.

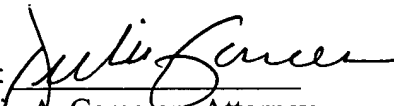
Previous claims 3 and 5 have been deleted.

In accordance with US patent practice, reference symbols have been deleted from the claims.

In view of the above, applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance. In the event of any fees inadvertently omitted or any improper payment of fees, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge or credit Lucent Technologies Deposit Account No.12-2325 to correct the error now or during the pendency of this application.

If the Examiner has any questions or feels that a telephone conversation would be helpful,
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